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SUBJECT: MOODS IN GREEK CYPRUS

1. SUMMARY: TEMPERATURE IN GREEK CYPRUS HAS COOLED OVER PAST WEEK. LOCAL MOODS LACK PARTICULAR FOCUS. MAIN TOPICS OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE ARE: A) MODALITIES FOR FUTURE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, B) COMMENTS BY ARCHBISHOP IN SPATE OF PRESS INTERVIEWS, C) ASSORTED ANTI-USG STORIES, D) ECONOMIC REVIVAL. MAKARIOS KEEPING ALIVE ISSUE OF ENOSIST CONSPIRACIES BUT EVIDENCE LACKING. LEVEL OF INTRA-GREEK VIOLENCE SEEMS LOW AND NONPOLITICAL. END SUMMARY.

2. INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. GREEK CYPRIOT MEDIA HAVE DWELT AT LENGTH ON VENUE, TIMING, PARTICIPATION IN RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS CALLED FOR BY UNSC RESOLUTION 367. THEY CLEARLY WANT QUICK RETURN TO CONFERENCE TABLE,
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CENTRAL CONCERN ON GREEK SIDE IS THAT TALKS STAY WITHIN

UN PRUVIEW, RETAIN MAJOR ROLE FOR UNSYG. APPARENT
TURK MOVES TO REPLACE DENKTASH WITH CHELIK, JOCKEYING
OVER VENUE DRAW HEAVY PRESS FIRE. GOC STRONGLY HINTED
IT WOULD REPLACE CLERIDES WITH TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS OR SPYROS
KYRPIANOU, IF DENKTASH STEPS ASIDE.

A. MEDIA, GOC OFFICIALS HAVE FOLLOWED MAKARIOS' LEAD
IN STRESSING "POSITIVE ELEMENTS" OF RESOLUTION 367. ASSER-
TION LACKS CONVICTION IN MANY CASES.

B. WIDESPREAD DISAPPOINTMENT OVER RESULTS NEW YORK
DEBATE TAKES SEVERAL FORMS RIGHTIST CAMP, IN PARTICU-
LAR GRIVASITE PATRIS AND ESEA POLITICAL GROUP, SHARPLY
CRITICAL OF GOC SUCCESS CLAIM. ESEA HAS RAPPED (IN ADDI-
TION TO US, UK) USSR, ARABS, NONALIGNED FOR "LUKEWARM"
SUPPORT FOR GOC POSITION. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA, TAKING SLAP
AT CLERIDES, HAS ARGUED THAT GOC DELEGATION UNPREPARED,
DIVIDED IN VIEWS, TOO SOLICITOUS OF USB POSITION.

3. MAKARIOS INTERVIEWS. ARCHBISHOP HAS RELEASED THREE
INTERVIEWS SINCE MARCH 18 (INTERVIEW WITH PERSIAN MEDIA
REPORTED NICOSIA 1049).

A. INTERVIEW WITH LONDON'S GREEK-LANGUAGE PAPER,
PAROIKIA HARAVGHI, RELEASED MARCH 19, STRESSED TWO
THEMES: POSSIBLE TRIP TO MOSCOW, FORTHCOMING PURGE OF
"UNREPENTANT" RIGHTISTS WHO ACTING "SUSPICIOUSLY." WE
JUDGE THAT TRIP TO MOSCOW NOT IMMINENT. MAKARIOS
ADVISOR, ANDREAS AZINAS, TOLD US NOTHING SCHEDULED; HE
CONFIRMED THAT GOC HARBORS NO MAJOR EXPECTATIONS OF SOVIET
HELP. SIGNIFICANTLY, COMMUNIST HARAVGHI MARCH 21 ASSURED
READERS OF FURTHER SOVIET AID "EVEN IF PRESIDENT MAKARIOS
DOES NOT REPEAT NOT VISIT MOSCOW FOR TOP-LEVEL TALKS."

B. ARCHBISHOP'S COMMENTS RE PURGE HAVE DRAWN HEAVY
BLASTS FROM RIGHTIST CAMP. PATRIS AND ESEA HAVE REBUTTED
WITH FORCE, TAKING UP CUDGELS AT SAME TIME AGAINST MAKARIOS'
LONG ASSOCIATIONS WITH LYSSARIDES AND AKEL CAMPS. ESEA
MARCH 20 ISSUED COMMUNIQUE DENYING CLAIM THAT ENOSIST
CAMP WORKING AGAINST GOC, ASKING WHETHER GOC
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USING SUCH CHARGE AS RED HERRING TO DIVERT PUBLIC WRATH
FROM ITS INABILITY SOLVE BASIC SOCIAL PROBLEMS. RIGHTIST
CAMP HAS ALSO WARNED THAT PRESS TALK OF PURGE IS DESIGNED
PREPARE GROUND FOR "ANTI-NATIONAL" SOLUTION TO CYPRUS
PROBLEM, OR GOC MOVE AGAINST ENOSITS.

C. PIO MARCH 20 DISCLAIMED AUTHORITY TO COMMENT ON
PURGE ISSUE. PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS CONTINUES TO AGITATE

SUBJECT.

D. MAKARIOS' INTERVIEW WITH ATHENIAN EPIKAIRA
DEVOTED MAINLY TO ATTACK ON JUNTA.

4. ANTI-USG. WE HAVE SEEN NUMEROUS ARTICLES, NONE
OF WHICH HAS SPARKED MAJOR REACTION.

A. TAKING CUE FROM PRESS ARTICLES ON RELEASE OF
UK WHITE PAPER, SEVERAL EDITORIALS LEFT AND RIGHT WARN
AGAINST NATO PLANS TO TAKE OVER BRITISH SBA'S.

B. INTERVIEW BY EX-CIA AGENT MARCHETTI WITH PARIS
JOURNAL HAS BEEN REPLAYED HERE, WITH EMPHASIS ON HIS
ALLEGATIONS THAT CIA, SECRETARY KISSINGER WORKED TO
REMOVE ARCHBISHOP FROM POWER.

C. LYSSARIDES' TA NEA MARCH 20 TRUMPETED THAT UNDER
SECRETARY SISCO HAVE "GREEN LIGHT" TO COUP. SOURCE WAS
ARTICLE FROM ATHENIAN POLITIKA THEMATA QUOTING COPU
COMMANDER GEORKITZIS TO THIS EFFECT.

D. FILMS TAKEN FROM ARRESTED US AIRMEN ALLEGEDLY
DEVELOPED ABROAD, SHOW PICTURES OF NATIONAL GUARD POSI-
TIONS. PRO-CLERIDES AGHON PLAYS STORY CRITICALLY.
RIGHTIST PATRIS CITES CASE AS REASON FOR GOC TO DEMAND
RECALL OF ALL AMERICANS ON SBA'S.

E. SENATOR KENNEDY'S REMARKS IN ATHENS, AMBASSADOR
MACOMBER'S TELEVISED REMARKS IN NEW YORK, REPLAYED IN
MOST PRESS.

F. OCCASIONAL EDITORIALS, WARN OF NEW CIA PLOTS, ACTIVITY ON
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ISLAND. ARCHBISHOP QUOTED IN EPIKAIRA INTERVIEW AS SAYING HE
DID NOT REPEAT NOT KNOW IF HIS NAME APPEARES ON CIA "DEATH
LIST".

5. ECONOMIC. GOC'S PLANS TO REACTIVATE INDUSTRY, PRO-
VIDE EMPLOYMENT, REORGANIZE WELFARE PROGRAM PROMINENTLY
PLAYED IN PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS. LATEST GOG AID ANNOUNCED
WITH MUCH FANFARE (ANALYSIS TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL).

6. COMMENT. GENERAL FEELING IS THAT GREEK CYPRUS, FOR
MOMENT AT LEAST, GOING THROUGH PERIOD OF RELATIVE CALM,
WAITING FURTHER EVENTS FROM ABROAD AND FURTHER INITIATIVES
FROM ARCHBISHOP. DESPITE PRESS AND MAKARIOS EFFORTS KEEP ALIVE
ISSUE OF "INTERNAL FRONT", WE SEE LITTLE CAUSE FOR CONCERN.
BY ALL SIGNS, RIGHTIST CAMP IS LETHARGIC, DISPIRITED, INACTIVE.

ESEA HAS LOST SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS; CHURCH DISPUTE
SIMMERING AT LOW LEVEL. POLITICAL VIOLENCE VIRTUALLY
GONE, THOUGH BOMBINGS CONTINUE: DRAMATIC CAR BOMB BLAST
WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH OF MINAG DIRGEN MICHAELIDES RE-
PORTEDLY DUE TO PERSONAL, NOT REPEAT NOT POLITICALMOTIVE. END
COMMENT.
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